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## Affairs at Washington

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Mr. Adolph Wischan of the Census Bureau, has an accumulation of knowledge about printing and publishing that puts the people who handle the directories and run the big publishing houses in class "Z". If Mr. Wischan could tell half he knows there would be an army of circulation liars leaving city offices temporarily to lead what Mrs. Upton Sinclair and the p-faced poet of Kansas call the "spiritual existence" way off where other people don't wander. The report by Mr. Wischan, in charge of compiling these statistics at the census bureau, has just appeared and shows that printing and publishing is no mean industry. There were 31,445 printing establishments of all kinds in the United States in 1909, and materials valued at \$201,775,000 were used; 358,042 persons were engaged in the industry during that year.

Now that Senator LaFollette is afled promoting his candidacy for the Presidency, Republican supporters of the administration are vociferously declaring that President Taft will have a walk over at the Chicago convention. This may, or may not be a fact, and most interested persons being prejudiced one way or another, are apt to figure the ultimate result to suit the exigencies of their own minds. It is, however, very apparent, that aside from the Presidential trip of the country and the results that may have been in the progressive camp so far. The National organizations evidently are depending upon the different states to fight out their own destiny and the first results of this policy of inaction have just been counted in Arizona, where there has been a Democratic landslide.

The Democratic House of Representatives is not going to start tariff legislation with schedule K as was expected, and Mr. Underwood, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, announced an entire different schedule, and puts well along after a revision of the iron and steel schedule, and chemicals and sugar. The Democrats in taking up these measures so hurriedly, are no doubt trying to forestall the tariff board, and enact some of their laws that will put the President in a hole, a popular diversion instituted last summer, when Mr. Taft climbed out the holes and plugged them up with vetoes. Mr. Underwood is the real power of the house, and it will be remembered talked back to William Jennings Bryan like a Dutch uncle a few months ago. His plan is to try and riddle the report of the tariff board on wool, before the revision is attempted and to show by comparison, if possible, that the House bill of the special session was really more scientific than one can be prepared by aid of the Tariff Board data. It is a part of the attempt to make Democratic campaign material and to discredit administration efforts, and the Tariff Board is to be made the goat, notwithstanding

their splendid work for scientific tariff revision. Oh, but there is a campaign coming.

Colonel Roosevelt complains that people are afraid to go to see him, for fear of "being compromised in matters of politics," which goes to prove that in the affairs of the nation, and in great Gotham human nature paddles its course just about the same as at Squashville Castle, where factional jealousy is no more in evidence in the "school deestricks" than in the places of power when presidents and rulers are made and unmade. In the Capital itself there is always this fear of making calls on certain public men for fear of "being compromised."

Poor old Ohio, the home of Presidents, is having a hard time of it. Besides being the home of Taft, it also has Governor Harmon to push a presidential candidate—as though these two burdens were not enough there are the difficulties of the Garfieldites and about all the other ites going. The Buckeyeites have also listened to Senator LaFollette, who has invaded the state and added to the joy and confusion of political knowledge. Ohio seems to be the storm center of the political cyclone, and this rush of politicians to it indicate that all classes of party leaders are eager to be on hand when the rainbow comes up, in hopes that the pot of gold may be theirs.

The President gave himself a Christmas treat by eluding his two constant guards, and for the first time since he became President he walked through Washington streets without being followed by secret service men. Mr. and Mrs. Taft went calling on friends on Christmas day, and when it was discovered that they had both eluded Mr. Wilkie's men there was considerable consternation about the White House.

The New Jersey mosquito is losing his prestige, as according to the Consul at Dawson, the Klondike has the longest billed and most savage skeeters in existence, and the worst of it is, according to the consul, "it is impossible to destroy them, as they propagate in the heavy moss that grows here, which contains moisture almost equal to swamp lands. It has been determined that the mosquito is more numerous in the Arctic Zone than in the tropics, though there is no land too hot or too cold for its habitation.

Indications are that the old and established Lorimer investigation will maintain its prestige as the most spectacular of all such shows, notwithstanding the intrusion of the probers of the trusts, and the investigators of government departments. For real fuel for the yellow journalists and the spreading of red printer's ink, it is safe to say that the case of the Illinois senator will not be outclassed by the spurious imitations that have sought to become real investigations.



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(PASTOR RUSSELL)

Tokio, Japan, December 31st.—The International Bible Students Committee of seven, for the investigation of Foreign Missions, is here. Pastor Russell, the Chairman of the Committee, gave two public addresses in one of our principal auditoriums, the Y. M.

C. A. He had large audiences and keenest attention. His text was from Joshua xxiv. 15, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." He said: In our day the human will, although still ambitious and avaricious, has taken a higher plane for its exercise than in the days of Alexander the Great and Napoleon. It is rather employed in the conquering of mountains and valleys, in the casting up of highways and piercing of tunnels; in the erection of bridges and the masterpieces of mechanical engineering which traverse the land and the sea with almost incredible speed.

The Will's Greatest Achievement. But, said the Pastor, the most wonderful achievement of the will is seen in self-control. The Scriptures say truly, "Greater is he that ruleth his own will than he that captures a city." (Proverbs xvi. 32.) The most wonderful illustrations of the will thus exercised he believes are to be found in the case of Jesus and His footstep followers. By the exercise of His will Jesus surrendered His glorious condition for the human estate and then delivered up Himself, as the Man Christ Jesus, to the doing of the Divine will, even unto death, that thus "by the grace of God He might taste death for every man." (Hebrews ii. 9.) The motive behind that strong will was not selfishness, but love.

Compliments the Japanese. When I note the gentleness and kindness and courtesy of Japanese life in general, I am astonished and wonder little that the ordinary Christian message has not appealed more to your hearts and displaced Shinto worship, for which I understand you have two hundred thousand figures, temples. Sympathetically putting myself in the place of the Japanese, I fancy you saying, Shall we exchange our simple, esthetic gentleness and kindness of spirit for the rudeness and sometimes swag of the soldiers and sailors, and the domineering headiness of the upper classes who come to us?

Sympathetic again I hear you say, The missionaries who have expounded Christianity to us for years have told us that our parents and ancestors whom we reverently worship are despised by your Christian God, and are damned to an eternity of torture because they did not know Jesus and become His followers. They tell us, additionally, that we also are bound for that place of eternal horror and torture unless we repudiate the religion of our birth which has made us so happy and contented. Can you wonder that we resent such teaching; that we merely tolerate it to avoid war; that we prefer Buddhism and Shintoism, and that our Shinto temples increase the more rapidly because of antagonism to Christianity?

Heathen Ancestry Not Roasting. Alas, my dear hearers, Christianity with very precious truths at its foundation, seriously lost its way long centuries ago and wandered far from the inspired teachings of the Bible. This is the explanation of the numerous sects and parties of Christendom and the different doctrines, none of which I am here to defend—either from the standpoint of reason or the Bible.

The Bible does not teach, as once you supposed, that eternal torment is the penalty for our first parents' disobedience in the eating of the forbidden fruit. On the contrary, it teaches that "the wages of sin is death," and that this death wage has been the experience of our entire race for now six thousand years. It teaches that in God's due time this curse or sentence of death will be lifted and that sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

It teaches that the whole earth shall become Paradise Restored—world-wide, and that those who, when fully informed, shall prefer sin, will be utterly, completely and everlastingly destroyed, in the "Second Death."

So then, my friends, if from Shintoism you have learned to be esthetic in your tastes, kind and gentle in your manner and loyal—these lessons learned will be to you a great advantage in that future time of blessing under Messiah's Kingdom. On the other hand, whoever has cultivated a contrary spirit will be correspondingly depraved and will correspondingly have the more and severer lessons to learn. Take heart then today from the assurance of the good time coming, and that every grace of character that has been acquired by you, either through Shintoism or otherwise, is not lost, but should be maintained.

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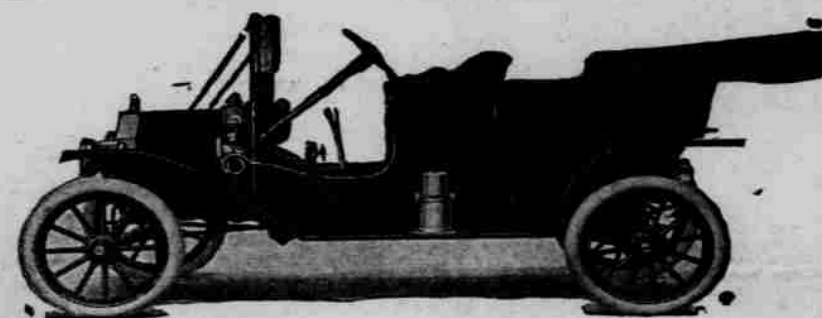
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